

Chicago Wilderness

A Collaborative Approach to Biodiversity Conservation in the Chicago Region

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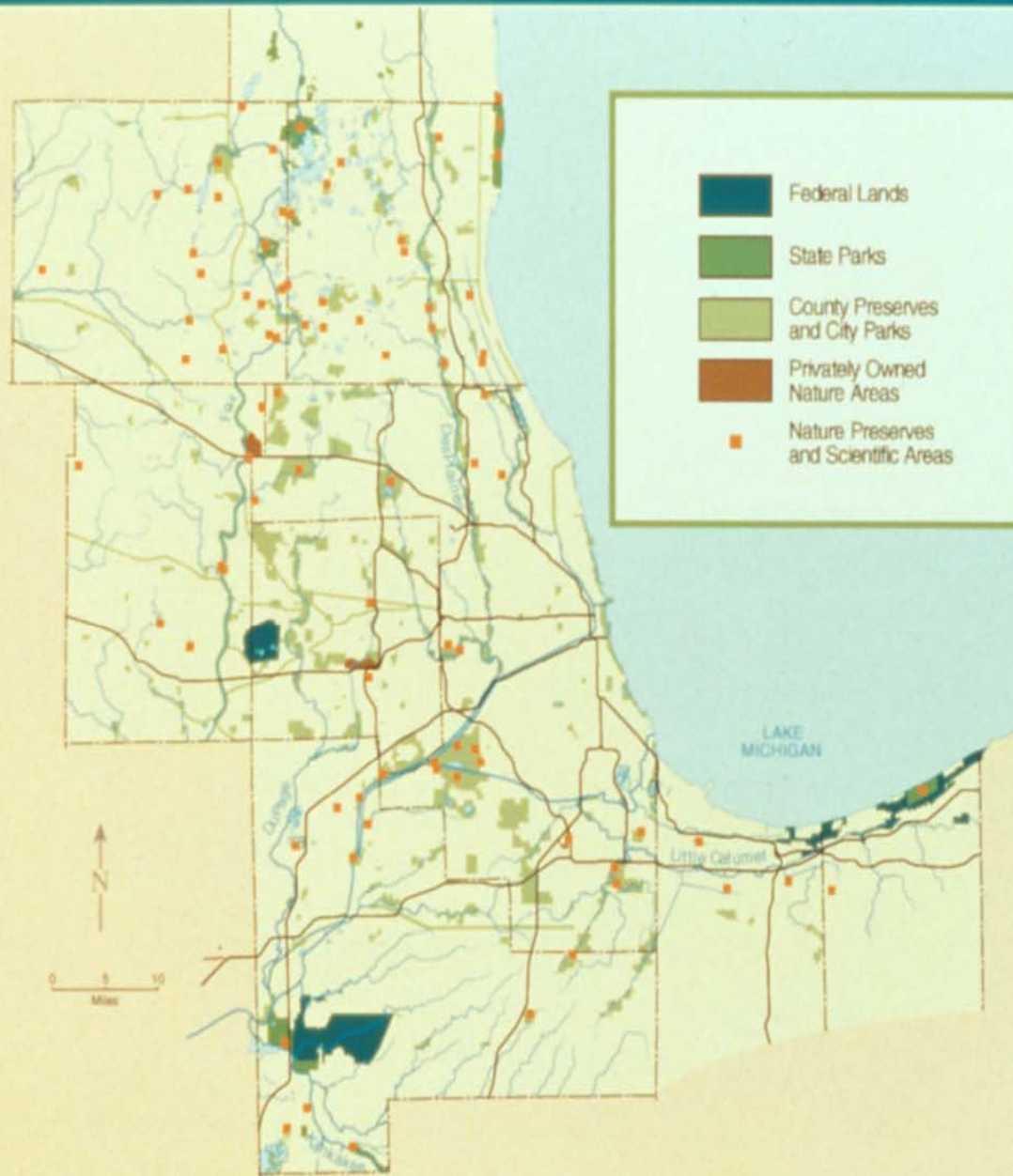
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A Regional Nature Reserve

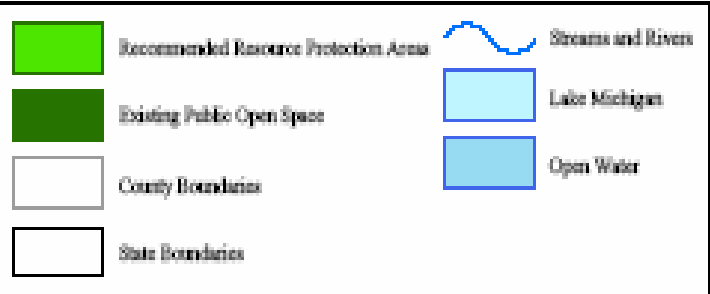
Chicago Wilderness Region



Protected Land in the Chicago Wilderness Region



Chicago Wilderness Green Infrastructure Vision







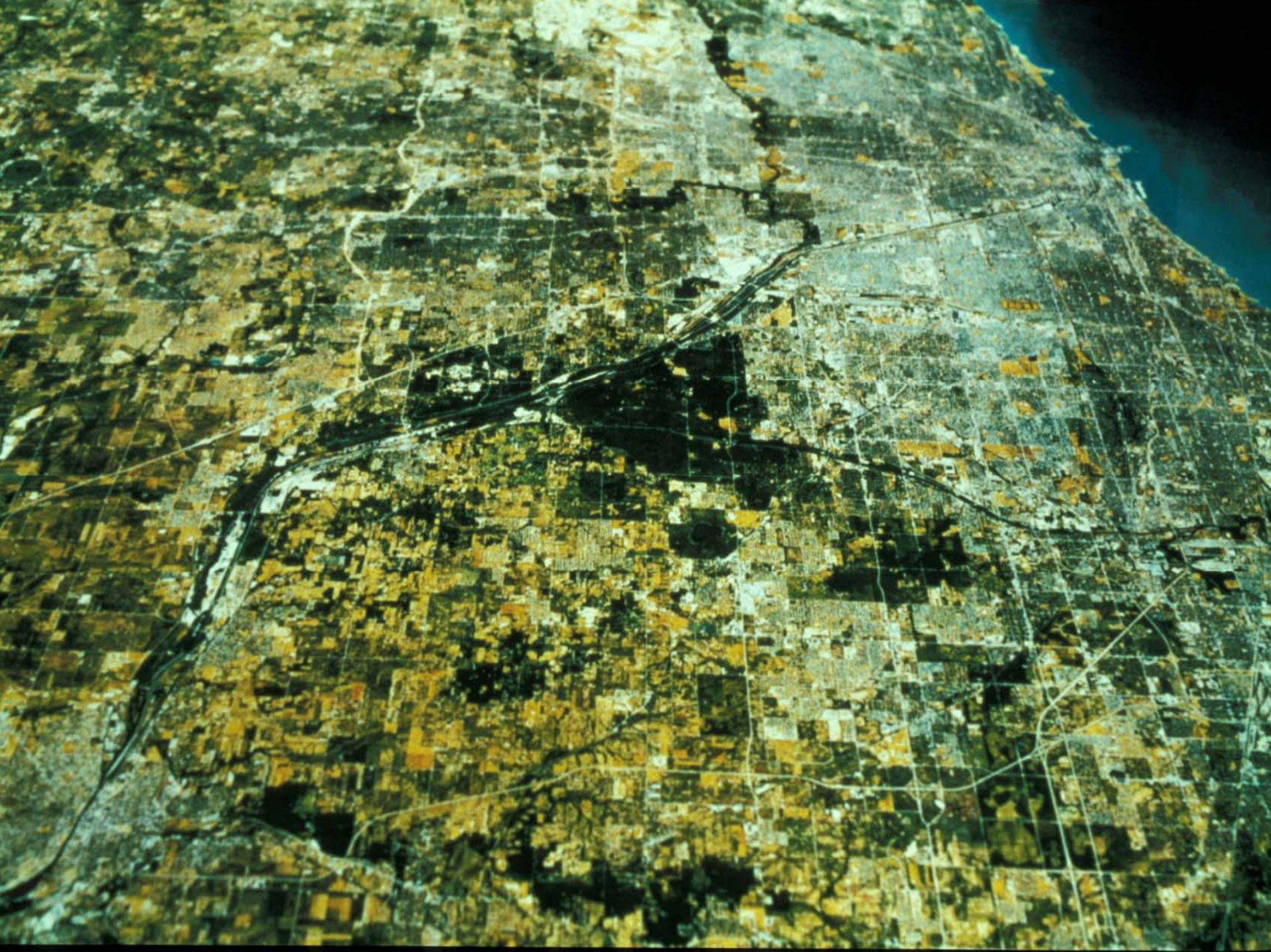






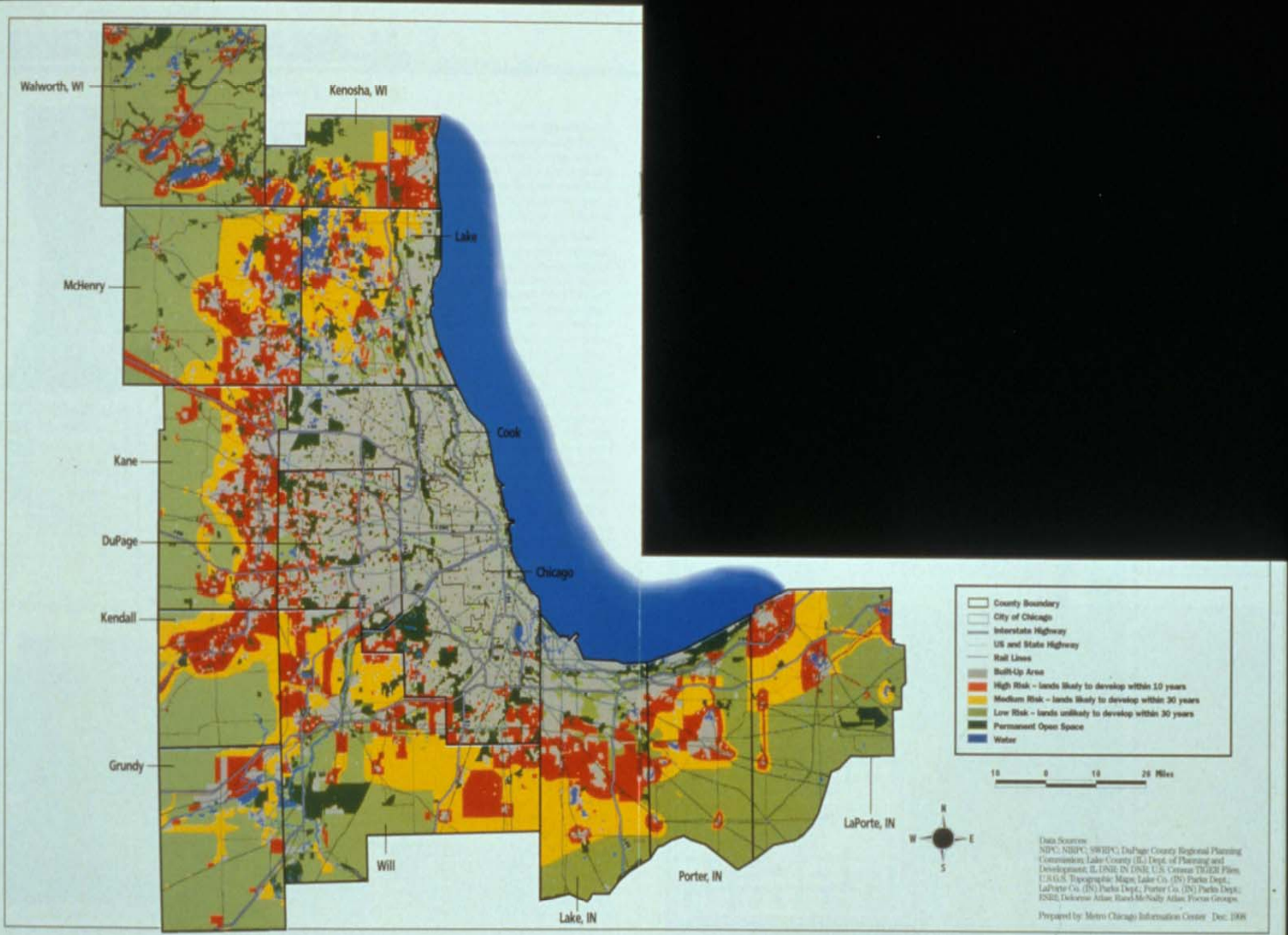












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A regional initiative to
restore, protect, and preserve
the biological diversity of
the Chicago metropolitan area.

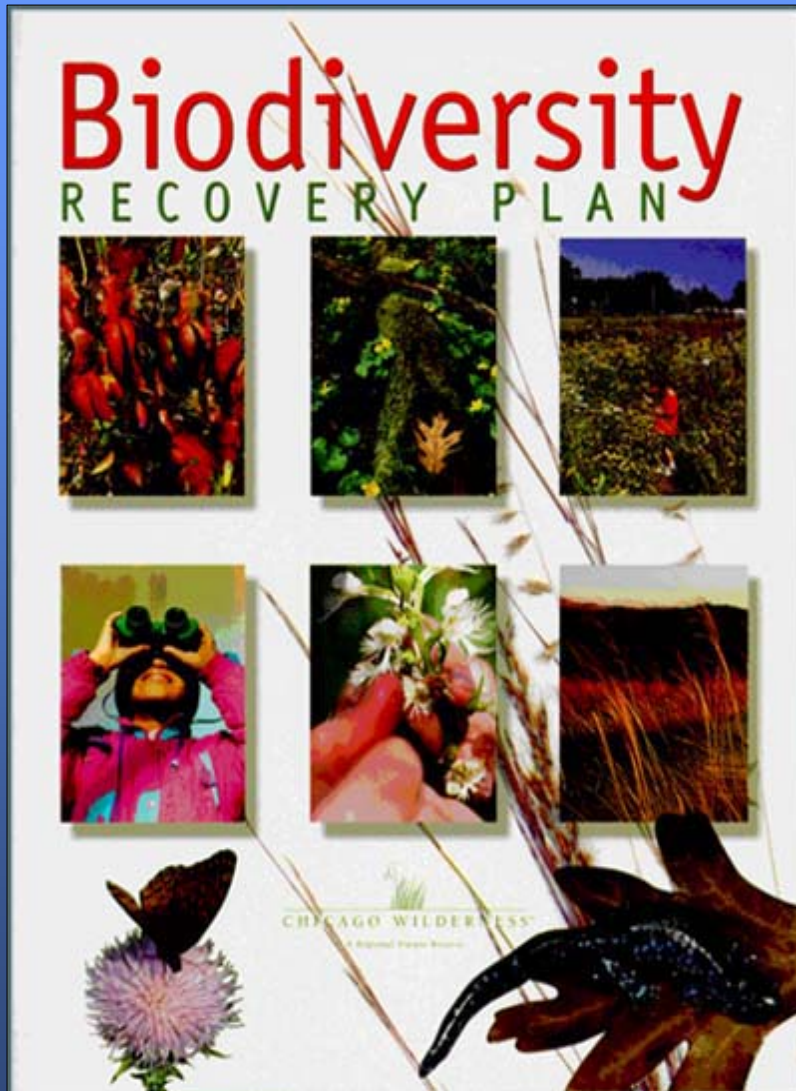
Chicago Wilderness Vision

- Region's natural communities and open spaces are restored and managed to ecological health
- Accessible, interconnected, restored ecosystems contribute to healthy economy and quality of life
- People appreciate, take pride in, and provide support to our native ecosystems
- Culture is one of conservation and stewardship of nature

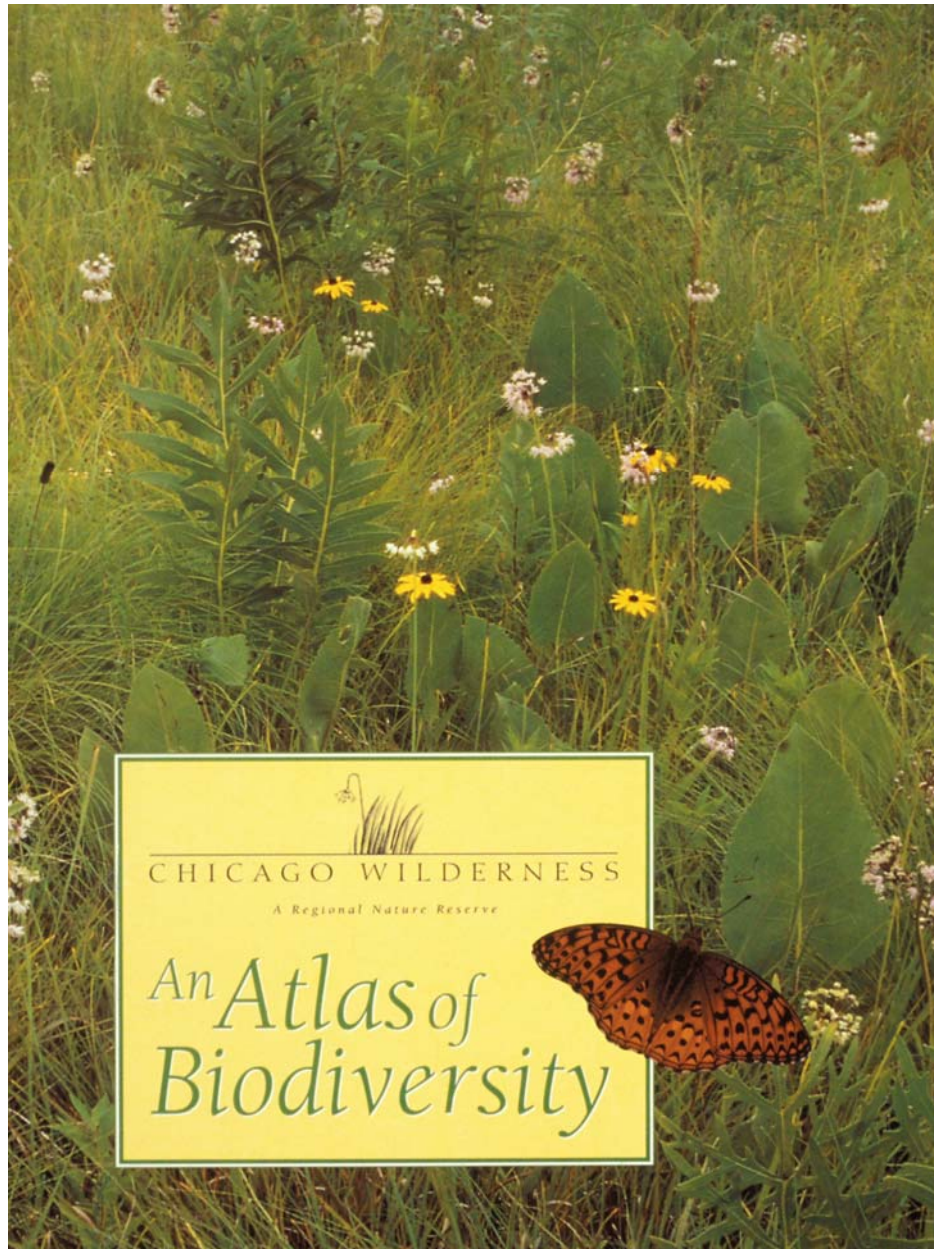
Chicago Region Biodiversity Council

- Over 180 conservation-conscious organizations active in the Chicago area
- Membership includes
 - Landowners and land managers
 - Local, state and federal governments
 - Research and education institutions
 - Conservation groups
 - Corporate Council
- Organized through memorandum of understanding

Biodiversity Recovery Plan



- Status of biodiversity in region
- Overview of threats facing each community
- Recovery goals and strategies for species, communities, landscapes
- Recommended conservation actions and communication strategies



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DEVELOPERS, DEER, FIRE, AND BIRD POOP



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Mighty Acorns



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CAUTION!

Prescribed Burn Today!



The Forest Preserve District of Cook County is managing the fire dependant ecosystems of this area. Fire is a natural and important aspect of these habitats. For your safety visitation is discouraged during prescribed burns. For more information call 708-771-4330 Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

Please~

- Stay on Maintained Trails and Roadways
- Be Alert for Fire and Smoke
- Keep Away from Fires
- Watch for Personnel and Vehicles
- Remember Smoke Limits Visibility







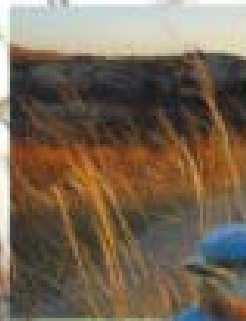
Sustainable Development Principles

For Protecting Nature in the Chicago Wilderness Region



Protecting Nature

IN YOUR COMMUNITY



CHICAGO WILDERNESS

A National Audubon Society

northwestern illinois planning commission

The Calumet Initiative

Healthy Economy, Healthy Environment, Healthy Communities



A coalition working to revitalize both the Rustbelt economy and the significant ecological riches of Calumet.





















Calumet Area Ecological Management Strategy

Key Goals: Preserve, Improve, Create (PIC)

Preserve existing plant and animal habitats with high biological value

Improve existing habitats that will maximize potential for native diversity and ecological health

Create new habitats, where feasible, that will meet the full range of needs for individual native species and communities

Thanks to Mike Jeffords for the photo

Calumet Ecotox Protocol

Protecting Calumet's Plants and Animals

- Multi-agency project
- Goal: Ensure site restorations will reduce risk of exposure to contaminants for plants and animals
- Includes screening levels for soil, sediments and surface water











